

sweet, abiding, lifelong bond. Then, only 8 years into her childhood, she contracted polio. At this early age, an inner strength and fortitude arose in her which was to define Nancy throughout her life.

Throughout her upbringing, Nancy was an honor student and was recognized for academic excellence. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology at North Texas State University and went on to work at Baylor Hospital and Dallas/Fort Worth Medical Center for many years before moving to Salt Lake City where she worked for Asarco as a Laboratory Supervisor. Almost four years ago, she and Peggy moved to Colorado to be closer to family living there.

Among many of Nancy's passions were the arts—especially the theater. She worked backstage for many theatrical productions and loved musical theater above all else. Some of her favorite shows included "The Fantasticks," "Brigadoon," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Showboat," "Kiss Me Kate," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy." She collected a variety of music including classical, ragtime, show tunes, and jazz, and learned to play the piano herself as a young adult.

Her love of words was reflected in her large book collection—from Austen to Whitman, Shakespeare to Safire, Twain to Thurber. She delighted in the Harry Potter stories, as well as stories of murder and intrigue. There was hardly a time in Nancy's life when she was without a feline friend or two, and she adored her sweet Maggie dog. She had a fascination with Germany; and after studying the language, she traveled there several times. Italy, London, and a cruise to the Caribbean were also on her list of travels.

Her love and connection to her family were never so strong as when she began an interest in genealogy and became the family historian. She spent countless hours tracing the family's ancestors' lives and traveled to many of the places they lived and died.

Nancy loved red hats, anything chocolate, irises in the spring, puzzles, popcorn, and the color purple. She loved Chaplin, Egyptology, Monet and O'Keefe. She loved so much and so many and was so loved in return. Her gentle strength and quiet courage inspired so many. She lived a difficult and challenging life with grace and dignity.

We honor her today for all the gifts she gave and all the wonderful ways she expressed her beautiful soul.

Nancy passed on January 28, 2012, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 5, 2012*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 92, 93, 94, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DOUGLAS AND KATIE JO MEDDERS

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 5, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 65th wedding anniversary of Douglas and Katie Jo Medders. This event will take place on March 15th, but family and friends are celebrating the event on March 17, 2012.

Douglas and Katie Jo were married in Anniston in 1947 and had three children, Douglas Wayne, Danny and Pamela. The Medders have lived in Anniston all their lives.

Although now retired, Douglas worked at Lee Brass for 43 years retiring in 1990 and Katie Jo owned KaPam Beauty Shop for 28 years until her retirement. They are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

I salute this lovely couple on the 65th year of their life together and join their friends and family in honoring them on this special occasion.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF RALEIGH'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 5, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raleigh's First Baptist Church on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration.

First Baptist is a pillar of the Raleigh community, with a history of prophetic witness and community service. For 200 years, it has been a spiritual home to successive generations in Raleigh and beyond, a place of learning and teaching, a place of faith and sustenance, and a place of commitment to a just society.

The church was founded in 1812 by a congregation of 23 members—14 black and 9 white—who had come to the State Capitol to hear Rev. Robert Daniel. At that time, the city of Raleigh had about 1,000 residents but not a single church building. The new congregation was dubbed Raleigh Baptist Church. At first, members met at the State Capitol, but church facilities were soon built, and, for the next 56 years, Raleigh Baptist Church was a unique multiracial assembly that reached more than 400 members.

Following the Civil War, the church's black membership, about half the congregation at the time, asked for and received permission to establish a new congregation, which was initially organized as First Colored Baptist Church. It was under these auspices that the church settled in its current location on South Wilmington Street, completing the church building early in the 20th century and ultimately becoming First Baptist. The remaining members of Raleigh Baptist Church retained the sanctuary on South Salisbury Street, just a few blocks away, and also became known as First Baptist.

The Rev. William Warwick, a Philadelphia native, was the first African-American pastor at First Baptist, leading the flock from 1867 to 1874 and establishing the Miles School, whose students were later absorbed into the public schools. The seventh pastor was Dr. Oscar S. Bullock, who, through the purchase of a bus in 1925, pioneered a program of church-provided transportation to ensure children and adults could attend Sunday school. Dr. Charles Ward led the church for a long period in the mid-20th century, from 1959 through 1988. He was a prominent leader in the NAACP and oversaw the construction of a housing development for low-income members of the community. He was nearing the end of his ministry when I first ran for Congress in 1986, and I will always be grateful for his counsel and encouragement.

In addition to Dr. Ward, I've been honored to work with several of First Baptist's other pastors during my time representing the Triangle. The Rev. Nathaniel O. Boykin and Dr. Isaac B. Horton led the church in interim capacities after the death of Dr. Ward in 1988. Since 1996, Dr. Dumas Alexander Harshaw, Jr. has led the church into a new era with his powerful preaching and teaching and a strong record of service to the broader community. Under Dr. Harshaw's guidance, the church has added an early Sunday service, purchased additional property and built an adjacent Family Life Center. Giving by the approximately 800 members recently surpassed the \$1 million mark. From daycare and after-school programs to weekly meals for the homeless, job workshops for the unemployed, and substance abuse counseling, First Baptist continues to strengthen the community.

This week the successor congregations of Raleigh Baptist Church will celebrate their bicentennial with a joint party at the place of their birth, the State Capitol. While they remain distinct these churches share the honor of being the first religious community of any denomination in Raleigh.

Mr. Speaker, the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Raleigh Baptist Church and the continued witness of these congregations merits recognition by this body. In particular, I look forward to celebrating this milestone on Saturday night with Dr. Harshaw and his flock, to whom I will bring the good wishes of my colleagues.

#### HONORING HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 5, 2012*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Honor Flight Chicago's commitment to serving our nation's World War II veterans.

Honor Flight Chicago began in 2008 when Mary Pettinato, Jeanmarie Kapp, Nancy Kapp, and Suzanne Stanits decided to make an important difference in the lives of World War II veterans. While our country has honored the sacrifices of our veterans by building memorials in Washington, D.C., many of these veterans are not able to make the trip to see the monuments dedicated to their service.

These four extraordinary women seized the opportunity to expand the Honor Flight Network's national mission to the Chicago area.